

# MONTEREY NEWS

SEPTEMBER 1987



## BEARTOWN STATE FOREST

An exceptionally long, hot but enjoyable summer season at Beartown has come to an end. Perhaps "end" is not quite accurate because in line with the seasonal cycle we are just transitioning into another busy yet pleasurable time of year. Changes are welcome in the out-of-doors as new activities and opportunities present themselves.

Our most intense summer activity was swimming at Benedict Pond. The pond's 35 acres of cooling water served as an oasis this summer for a record number of swimmers. I often found myself wondering how many of people swimming knew and appreciated how that pond came to be, what its natural and its cultural history might be. In last month's article I asked for the origin of the Benedict Pond name, and since that time I have learned not only that information but much more as well.

In response to my questions in that earlier article about Benedict Pond, Richard V. Happel, writer for *The Berkshire Eagle* wrote ("Notes and Footnotes") that Benedict Pond was named for Fred Benedict, who owned the pond and surrounding farm. The Blue Hill Farm property is the remainder of Mr. Benedict's homestead. In addition to Mr. Happel's remarks in the *Eagle*, I was also enlightened further by some long-time residents of Monterey, one of whom was Frances Brett of Brett Road.

Mrs. Brett and I spent a wonderful morning talking about the history of the Beartown area since her arrival at Brett Road as the wife of George Brett, when Fred Benedict's pond was "just deep enough so you didn't hit your ice saw on the bottom."

It seems that Benedict Pond was in fact Fred Benedict's ice pond where he and a few others would cut their ice out and haul it to the ice house to be packed in hay for use during the warmer months. Frances and George Brett most often cut their ice from Swann Pond, in the Swann Forest section of Beartown. They hauled it out on both sled and wagon, "though sled was easier because you didn't have to lift the ice as high as with a wagon." Frances vividly described pushing the blocks of ice on her hands and knees across the surface of the pond. I shivered on this warm summer day merely at the thought of it. Swann Pond is considered one of the coldest water holes around in the summer, never mind in the dead of winter. Several times Frances remarked on "how hard men had to work then"—women, too, I realized.

So, from the little farm pond of Fred Benedict, used mainly for cutting ice in the winter and catching bullheads in the summer, has come Benedict Pond as we now know it. In 1933-34 the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) cleared and impounded the existing area of 35 acres. Boaters in the middle

of the pond can still see the stumps from the trees that were cut at that time. In addition to that work the CCC also built both the access road that swings around the southwest side of the pond and the beach that we use today.

Though Benedict Pond may for a long time be forgotten by some of the summer users, still many others will continue to return through the seasons. I feel that Benedict Pond offers the most spectacular interior view in Beartown Forest. Hiking the Benedict Pond loop trail (1.5 miles) is perhaps the best way to experience that view and the pond environment close at hand. Do come out this fall; it is an hour well spent.

— Tom O'Brien



*Mist softened September sunlight  
slants through  
the high stand of sumac ...  
To light upon  
the silent conference of summer chairs.*

— Frank D'Amato



## UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST CALENDAR

### Sundays

9:30-10:15 Focus on Church Life, all welcome.

10:30-11:30 Morning worship.

### Tuesday, September 1

7:00 a.m. Prayer Breakfast at Parsonage.

### Wednesday, September 2

6:30 p.m. Agape meal at the church. Potluck and fellowship.

### Every Thursday

8:00 a.m. Meditation at Church, all welcome.

### Friday, September 11

Deacons meet at Parsonage.

### Monday, September 14

7:30 p.m. Parish Council at Parsonage.

### Tuesday, October 6

7:00 a.m. Prayer Breakfast at Rosecroft, home of Alice Howell and Walter Anderson.

### SPECIAL EVENT Saturday, September 12

10:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at church social room. Bag lunch. This has been postponed from July.

**FOCUS ON CHURCH LIFE:** If you are a church member and/or interested in the vitality of our church, set aside Saturday, September 12, to look at our life together with the help of a skilled consultant. Tom Boates received training specifically to serve churches facing change. He studied with sociologist Herb Stotts at Boston University School of Theology. Ordained in the United Church of Christ, Tom has served churches in Haverhill and New Bedford, MA; was the Area Conference Minister for the METRO-NYC Association, U. C. C.; and served as consultant for churches in Worcester, Gardner, Quincy, East Longmeadow.

Tom identifies the following goals:

- To help churches understand who they are, where they have been and where they are going.
- To help churches identify their immediate and long-range objectives.
- To assist churches in locating and developing resources, both human and financial.

This is one in an ongoing series of meetings begun in June designed to help us set goals and learn to use our diverse potential effectively. This time of focus on church life puts our commitment to God and each other on the line. Now's the time to show up for this event, to listen to each other and to speak our truths.

The Reverend Robert Palin has recently returned from a vacation trip to northern New England with his daughters, Phebe and Anna.

### LONG MEMORY

*The bark of a beech  
Wrinkles up its trunk  
Like hide on the lumbering elephant.*

— Peter Murkett

## VOX ED.

### Divisiveness

It is inevitable that tensions are created when different interests find themselves cooped up together. In the Housatonic Valley it was once between Mohawks and Mahicans, then between Dutch and English. Probably the workers in the little factories on the Konkapot in Monterey once had imperfect sympathies with the local farmers. Inevitably the tensions are worsened when the factions exaggerate, see things only in stark black and white, and fail to communicate with each other as human beings who love their families and really feel good will for their fellow temporary sojourners on this earth.

Actually, developers have a vital interest in preserving Monterey's rural character: it's their most valuable commodity. And preservationists do not want us to lapse into isolated stagnation: they too depend on the invigorating effect of the new folks in town. The water skiers love the lake as much as the conservationists and would not be the third or fourth generation in their family's summer cottage if it weren't for the green hills, the chorus of frogs and the swallows at dusk over the lake.

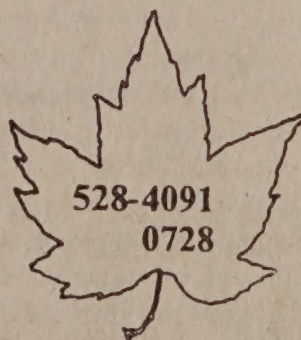
What multiple use, *in harmony*, requires is communication and accommodation. Let's say early morning and late afternoon are sacred to quiet fisher-folk and nature lovers who want to drift in a peaceful cove and listen to the catbirds and waxwings. (At such times let any motor boats abroad move slowly and barely audibly, sharing in the peace.) Let's say there should be times when everyone turns out for a regatta of water skiers, and we can all thrill to their skillful flight through space. At such times, established by agreement, let the lake ring with high tech and athletic prowess. After dark let the star-watchers have the lake and let's use our yard lights sparingly and give the night to Berkshire darkness and lacustrine night-life.

We could reach these accommodations by simple thoughtfulness better than by Town regulations. Let's remember that when we are lucky enough to buy property in Monterey we are not buying a lake, or a valley, or the mountains we see in the distance. We have merely paid admission to a community, and our new neighborhood includes all kinds of people and other living things.

— David P. McAllester

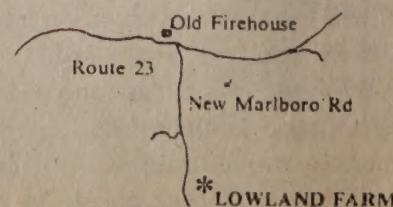
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ASSESSED VALUATION OF LAND

A vacationing CPA from Milwaukee saw the last issue of *Monterey News* and offered the following as a method of computing an approximation of the assessed valuation of your land.

Assessing Your Land	Your Valuation	Line Ref.
Base Schedule	\$	A
Lake Frontage		B
Beach Rights		B
Subtotal		
Vacant Lots (30% discount)		C
Extra building lots		D
Special features, views and circumstances	+/-	E
Your Assessed Valuation	\$	

Base Schedule, for Line (A)

Number of Acres You Own		Assessed Value	
At Least	Not More Than	Basic	Lake Garfield
—	1	\$14,000	\$30,000
1	2	21,000	60,000
2	3	26,000	65,000
3	4	31,000	70,000
4	5	33,000	72,000
5	6	35,000	74,000
6	7	37,000	76,000
7	8	39,000	78,000
8	9	41,000	80,000
9	10	42,000	82,000
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\*Plus \$1,000 per acre 11 acres and over.  
\*\*Plus \$500 per acre 100 acres and over.

Line Item Instructions


- (A) Start with the Base Schedule and look up the number of acres you own. If you own five acres, you would put \$38,000 on line (A). If you own 210 acres, your base valuation would be \$157,000 computed as follows: 210 acres less 100 acres (base) = 110 acres times \$1,000/acre = \$110,000 + \$47,000 (base) = \$157,000. Note: This is an approximation and will vary due to fractional acreage.
- (B) If you live on a lake, you must add values for your lake frontage and beach rights as follows:

Lake Frontage	Bidwell or Eaton Road	Lake Garfield	Lake Buel
Value per ft. for 1st 100 linear ft.	\$600	\$ 400	\$ 200
Value per ft. for over 100 linear ft.	200	100	50
Beach Rights (improved parcels only)	n/a	10,000	5,000

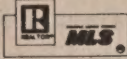
- (C) Vacant lots and other unimproved property may be discounted up to 30%.
- (D) Potential developable building lots which meet minimum zoning frontage and acreage requirements are also valued. Add \$5,000 for each.
- (E) Special features are also considered such as views, swamp land, sheer cliffs, extra buildings, etc., and values may vary.

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— Michael Banner  
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Fire Chief Ray Tryon and hooded chef Danny Andrus at the Monterey Fire Company's Steak Roast on July 25.



## PARK COMMISSION NEWS

The beach was very active this summer. Crowds were over capacity, on weekends especially, with day after day of beautiful sunny Berkshire weather. Parking space became a problem—and the lifeguards' job was demanding. Another year will need more rigid checking of beach passes, parking plans and a decision on how many bathers we can safely accommodate. This is the first year that our own townspeople have overflowed the area. There were 208 passes issued. We appreciate having quiet cooperative Monterey folks enjoying a lovely, though small, facility. Thank-yous to our regular Beach troop—Pat Eline, Katy Chapman, David Lanoue and Jennie Brown, our lifeguards, and Bob Gauthier checking beach passes and packing in the cars.

Swimming lessons were again very successful. Maria Moulthrop taught again—delaying her lessons until six weeks after an appendectomy. About half the swimmers were year-round residents and half are seasonal. Maria is an outstanding teacher beloved by the children and parents alike.

*Beginners going into the second phase of beginner's class were:* Lynn Ann Bescanceney, Robbie Carter, David Ohman, Meredith Friedman, Lincoln Lipsky, and Justin Thompson.

*Beginners who passed the whole course were:* Nicholas Anderson, Jeremy Curtis, Michael Rankin-Heald, Benjamin Scutellaro and Dinah Scutellaro.

*Advanced Beginners who passed were:* Eoin Higgins, Luke Moulton, Rebecca McTavish, John Mulroy, Lucy Rosenthal, Bethany Sadlowski, Jill Schlegel, Sarah Schur and Jared Thomson.

*Intermediates who passed were:* Benjamin Amidon, Jackie Camp, Kaitie Fleming Ives, Paul Makuc, Shaen O'Connor, Kevin Ohman, and Nichole Schlegel.

*Swimmers who passed were:* Jennifer Fleming Ives and Michael Sonini.

*Advanced Swimmers who passed were:* Ryan Amidon, Michael Ohman, Marta Makuc, Meghan Sadlowski and Erin Sadlowski.

*Those passing Lifesaving were:* Marta Makuc, Lisa Fleming Ives, Jonathan Levin, David Levin and Michael Ohman.

### In Other News:

We replaced the two stolen picnic tables at Bidwell Park and put one at the beach.

A public portable jon was rented for the summer and first placed at Bidwell Park and later moved to Greene Park.

A tennis committee is finally off the ground—Bob Gauthier is chairman.

The second raft, donated by Bill Ginsberg, has worked out very well, allowing the Intermediate, younger swimmers a near spot to swim to, and dive from and take sunbaths on (just like the big kids).

Wind surfers, kayaks, rubber boats, canoes, shells, sculls are all abounding this year. The 35 geese came and went with less overall problem than some years. Sighted often were muskrats—one has a cute crooked tail—a blue heron, ducks, loons, and a big black water snake, and the children are still entranced with the clams, crayfish, snails, frogs and little fish. A grandfather turtle way up at the east end, 2½' across his shell, was having a look-see, his fist-sized head high. Fishermen were busy all summer, both on the lake in boats and on shore.

We shall work on space/crowd problems for next year. It is very rewarding to work on a project that brings such pleasure to so very many people.

Have a fine winter—look for a skating rink.

— Fran, Dek, Tom  
The Park Commission

## THE TOWN TENNIS COMMITTEE

The newly formed Town Tennis Committee, operating under the direction of the Monterey Park Commission, is hard at work exploring the possibilities of constructing town tennis courts and other recreational facilities. The group has already identified the owners of at least 14 private courts in Monterey and is in the process of contacting them for information about court construction. More than 20 Monterey families have indicated they would be interested in a summer tennis program for children, similar to the town's popular summer swimming program, and the planning team is looking into the possibilities of organizing such a program for next summer.

The committee has identified two parcels of land as possible sites for town tennis courts. At the moment, the most promising site is part of the 10.8 acres of land that the town owns behind the firehouse on Route 23. The other is part of the land, also owned by the town, adjacent to Brewer Pond, opposite the town beach on Tyringham Road. But the Committee is open to other site suggestions as well, and a donation of land for town recreational facilities would be especially welcome. Two courts require at least one acre of land, not including parking and access.

The nine-member committee is headed by Bob Gauthier as chairman. Other members are John Humphrey, Gerry Green, and Colta Ives, all responsible for gathering information on court construction and location; Kenneth Greenfield and Joe Levin, responsible for gathering information on court financing; and Janet Kleinman, Len Friedman and Debby Rankin, responsible for publicity and public relations.

The committee welcomes new members and observers at its next meeting, scheduled for Saturday, October 24, at 9 a.m. in the church basement. If you can't make it, but have suggestions, just contact any committee member or one of the three Park Commissioners: Tom Rosenthal, Dek Tillett or Fran Amidon.

— Deborah M. Rankin

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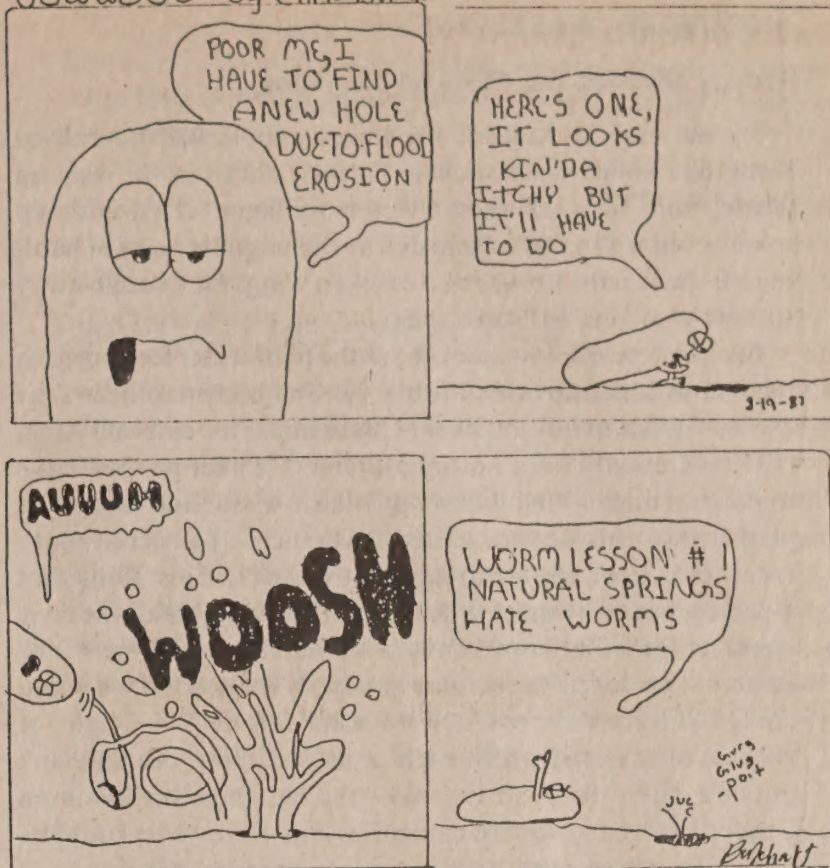


Maria Moulthrop, instructor, relaxes a young floater on Lake Garfield.



Advanced Beginners in the Lake Garfield swim classes during August.

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## MONTEREY WASTELINES

### Victory Stickers and More on Recycling

By the end of August, Monterey people had purchased some 500 solid waste stickers as their share in the war on waste. Sure, let's call them "victory stickers." That adds up to more than \$16,000 to help defray the ungodly costs of hauling all those wine bottles and chicken wings far enough away so that someone will take them.

But some people are upset about the partial user fee approach to solid waste removal in Monterey. One person told me s/he was not about to buy a sticker because under the current system (\$35.00 annually for a household) the "summer people" have to pay too much. Well, I never did like to divide and categorize people into this or that pattern, whether it be according to race, color, economics or migratory instincts. I just think that a person has to be quite selfishly motivated to break the civic compact for a matter of \$35.00, a fee which covers a mere 20% of actual costs for the service involved. I wish that we could charge solid waste fees strictly according to the weight or volume of material which each of us generates, but that isn't possible right now. So we make the best possible common denominator, a system of categories which, however roughly, begins to assign costs to the sources of waste generation.

Please buy the sticker (victory sticker!), stick it on the left side of your vehicle in a window. Then go on to bigger and better things in the name of community betterment.

The above discussion reminds me of our attempt to cut down the volume of solid waste at my place of work and residence, Gould Farm. We are crating our newspapers for delivery to the Sheffield Boy Scout Troop, and all clean cardboard is knocked down and tied in bundles. Some seasons of the year we can use the material for mulching or sugar house fuel. We are also looking into the possibility of delivering cardboard to a recycling company. These things are extra work but pay a big dividend—we have the satisfaction of resource saving and of lowering the waste handling costs for our community.

We are considering some sort of organized newspaper recycling in Monterey. Other towns around us have recycled successfully for up to ten years, and with the high prices of landfilling, we should be saving our papers, too. The Solid Waste Committee must meet soon about the issue and make some proposals to the Selectmen. If you have ideas or opinions, please let us know.

I talked briefly, in late August, with Steven Ellis of the Springfield Solid Waste Division of the DEQE. Ellis says that the Commonwealth funded bottle, glass, metal and paper recycling plant is now projected to be ready for operation in June of '88. Four more cities have been added to the comingled recycling plan, including Amherst and Northampton. Ellis says that other communities outside the primary service area would be invited to deliver co-mingled recyclable materials to the plant as well.

By next month the final report of the Southern Berkshire Co-composting Feasibility Study should be out. We can talk a bit about that, right here next month.

— Wayne Burkhart

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## PERSONAL NOTES

Hearty congratulations to **Pat Amstead**, who was rightfully thrilled to be bowling in her first National Tournament, the 1987 WIBC Championship Tournament held in Hartford, Connecticut. Pat bowled in the Team, Doubles, and Single events and rolled games of 185, 240, 201, 205, 161, 221, 223, 220, 200 and 214, for a scratch total of 1850 for all events. Pat received word that she came in a very respectable 30th for all events out of over 32,000 entries and 68th out of 34,000 entries in the singles event. Very impressive, Pat! Pat has been bowling for 27 years in the Ladies All-Star League in Great Barrington and carries an average of 179.

Hearty congratulations also to **David Kraft**, who earned the 16-and-under singles title in the Lee Youth Association tennis tournament held August 7 at the Lee Athletic Field courts. David won the match 6-0, 6-1 over Jason Kastrinakis. The tournament attracted 44 players. Good job, David! He is the son of **Melvin** and **Katherine Kraft**, part-time residents of Beartown Mountain Road.

Monterey was well represented at the Berkshire Choral Festival opening on July 11 in Sheffield. Our own **Richard Westenberg** conducted the chorus and orchestra in a performance of the Vivaldi *Gloria* and the Mozart *Requiem* and was joined by his wife **Judith Malafronte**, the contralto soloist. Monterey residents **Paul Perces** and **Hank Greer** also performed with the chorus in the bass section.

Our best to **Mark Candee**, son of **Warren** and **Evelyn Candee** of Pixley Road, who has completed his basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas. As of June Mark has been stationed at Lowry Air Force Base in Colorado learning to become a bomb navigation systems specialist. Congratulations are also due Mark as he was the recipient of an award for his excellent academic performance. Good work, Mark!



Welcome back to my family! **Stefan**, **Michelle** and **Natasha** have all three returned from their European adventures. Natasha was in Europe for six weeks, the first three spent skiing the glaciers in the magnificent Austrian Alps, and loving every minute, of course. Tasha earned a second place in a race while there and even won a new pair of ski boots. Good job, Tasha! She was joined by Stefan, and the two spent the next three weeks traveling—Austria, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, France. The two met Michelle in Salzburg (no, not by accident!) and spent a few days traveling with her also. Michelle was in Europe on a separate five-week tour. Confused? Well, they had a wonderful time.

Very Happy Birthday wishes to **Mark Candee** all the way in Colorado on August 4, to **David McAllester** on August 6, to **Michelle Grotz**, who returned just in time to celebrate in Monterey on August 20, and to **Amanda Thorn** on August 24.

Congratulations to **Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rydberg** of Vero Beach, Florida, and **Lake Garfield**, Monterey, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 24 at their home in Vero Beach,

— Stephanie Grotz

## MONTEREY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

On Friday evening, September 18, Mr. Vic Rolando of Pittsfield will be the speaker at the fall meeting of the Monterey Historical Society.

With the aid of slides he will illustrate how iron was made in general before the 19th century and how it was made specifically in the Richmond blast furnaces.

Vic Rolando is a US Forest Service volunteer in the Green Mountain National Forest and also a volunteer consultant to various industrial archaeology investigations in Vermont. He has recorded the ruins and sites of many 18th and 19th century blast furnaces, lime kilns, foundries and over 100 charcoal kilns.

— Sally Fijux



SUSAN McALLESTER

Maggie Clawson and Deirdre Higgins making puppets from socks. The puppet workshops, conducted during July by Leslie Scutellaro, were funded in part by a grant from the Monterey Council on the Arts.



## THE LOON ON THE LAKE

We are feeling a special involvement with loons this summer because for the first time in my memory there has been a loon on Lake Garfield. It is a young bird, in immature plumage, and every time I've been down to look I've found it in the same, deepest and widest area of the lake. His coloring is a little gray, rather than jet black, and his back pattern has not arranged itself in the tidy black-and-white small-checks design which will come later. Also he does not yet wear his white shell necklace but has a sort of incomplete black collar. The front of his neck and his breast are very white, and he turns his head broadly, from one side to the other, making a bright black-and-white flashing if seen from behind.

When I've visited the Lake Garfield loon in the morning, he has always been fishing, taking many dives of about 30 seconds each. I've read that loons can dive to 60 feet and can stay under as long as three minutes. Their food consists principally of small fish, called fingerlings, also eggs, larvae, plankton, insects, frogs, and crayfish. As hunters or predators, they occupy a place at the "top of the food chain," so are subject to high concentrations of pesticides and, in the ocean, where they winter, heavy metals such as mercury.

It is unlikely that our young loon will find a mate on Lake Garfield. He may come back and try again next summer. He may find a mate in his wintering area, probably offshore along the east coast, south of here, and come back again to nest in the spring.

More likely he will find his way to some wilder lake, perhaps in the Adirondacks. If so, I hope it is not one of the crystal clear, deathly beautiful acid lakes. Many loons do return to these lakes, only to have their chicks die for lack of food. Though the parents are able to fly off to other lakes for fish, they are not able to carry them back to their chicks. Instead, they dive for food in the acid lake where they have nested for years and come up with very little besides small amounts of algae to nourish their young. Since the chicks can't fly until they are eleven weeks old, they starve on these fishless lakes. The next year, the parents are bound by instinct to return and fail again.

In the late afternoon I have heard our Lake Garfield loon calling. (Sudi has heard him, too, and can do a fine imitation.) This strange call and handsome bird have come to symbolize the wild northern lakes and a state of wilderness that can no

the wild northern lakes and a state of wilderness that can no longer be taken for granted but which, like the loon, must be valued and protected if it is to survive. I don't know whether the young loon on the lake is a visitor from the past, from the days when this was a wilder lake, or perhaps a vision of the future and of the comeback of the loon as a species, through adaptation to closer human pressures.

This one may be both, or he may be neither. He may just be a foolish young loon set down here to delight us for a few days before his fears and instincts take him away somewhere to breed, where his wild song will be answered by other loons and his nesting sites not destroyed by development and annual drastic changes in water level, such as we suffer here on Lake Garfield in the name of controlling the growth of aquatic

plants. To preserve the loon is to shift our values from water sports and development to wilderness, from ourselves to our environment, of which we are as small a part, and as vital, as the loon on the lake.

— Bonner J. McAllester



## CONSERVATION COMMISSION HEARING

A Public Hearing was held by the Conservation Commission on August 20 relating to the Notice of Intent by the Selectmen to draw down Lake Garfield. Proponents and opponents of drawdown as a method of weed control attended the hearing in force. The Lake Garfield Association presented a petition in favor of the procedure with over 100 signatures, and several members of the Association spoke eloquently on how well the weeds are being controlled and of the advantages of the drawdown for flood control and for repair and overhaul of lakefront facilities. The opponents, with a petition with 54 signatures, asked for more study of the effects of drawdown and cited studies already made that indicate the procedure harms some organisms and, while reducing some weeds, increases the growth of others. The unpleasant sight of exposed mudflats and the limitation on lake use for year-round residents was also cited. The Conservation Commission took all this testimony under advisement for the preparation of their Order of Conditions required by the Wetlands Protection Act.

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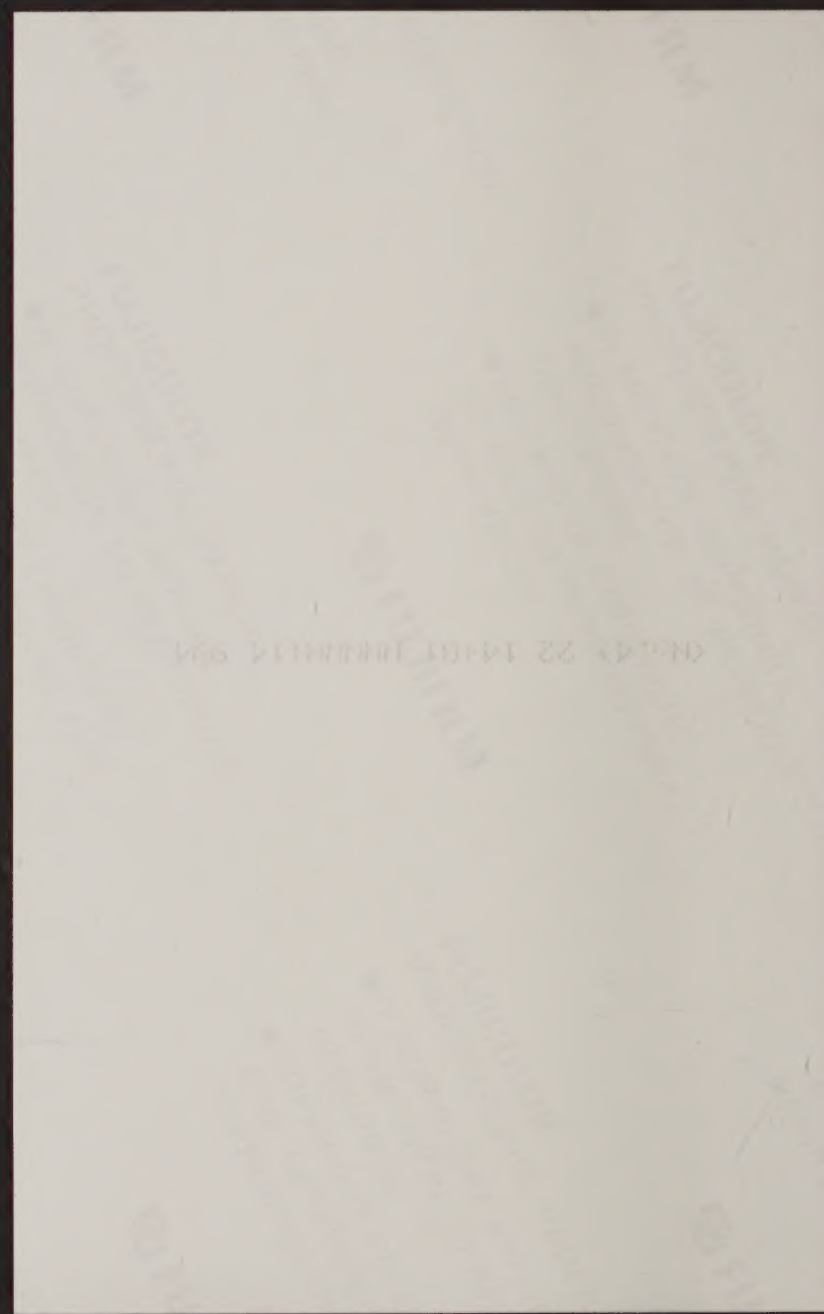
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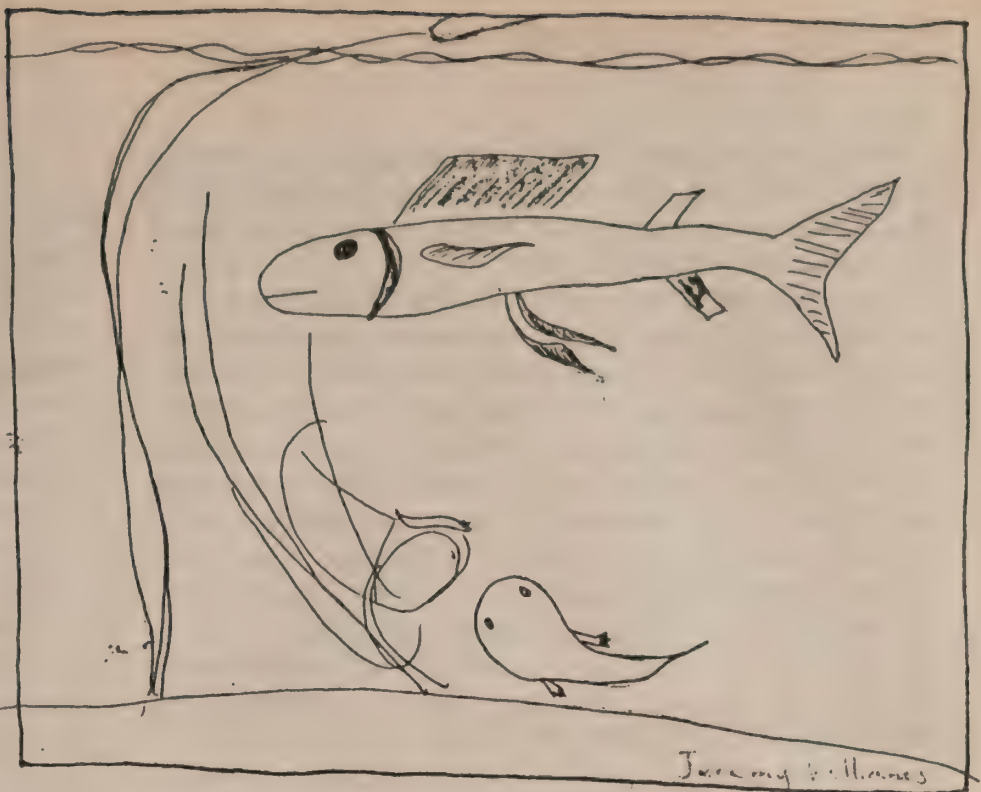




## TO A YOUNG SQUIRREL

Frisking about in the trees you go  
 Then hurrying down to the ground below  
 Where you find the acorns green and brown  
 Which the old oak tree has shaken down.  
 Surely there must be One on High  
 Who is looking down from an autumn sky  
 Bidding you gather the nuts you do  
 To store for the cold days ahead of you.  
 How else would you know of the cold and snow?  
 (For you were not here a year ago)  
 Did your mother turn you out on your own  
 To gather your winter's food all alone,  
 Knowing full well that God would care  
 And show you the nuts that had fallen there?  
 Then scurry around and gather them in  
 And hide them away in your acorn-bin;  
 There nestled away where no one knows  
 You'll have plenty to eat when the north wind blows.

— Eleanor Kimberley



## BLACK DOG

Black dog lying on his side  
 One eye showing  
 Open wide.

— Peter Murkett



## TWO BATS

O, it was out by the town's old graveyard  
 That two bats flew close to me  
 And I walked up the path much faster  
 While the sun set — and a tree

By the road looked like a murderer,  
 And a shanty beside the sea  
 Had eyes that leered and bobbled  
 At the small dark form of me.

O, it's many years since the bats flew,  
 Other things have come to be  
 Wings of fierceness in my twilight —  
 Yet those two black bats I see.

— Sue Moody

## NOISE MAKER

Here in this early morning  
 The Lake wears a coverlet  
 Of slowly swirling mist  
 Around its shoulders —  
 While the glassy center  
 Reflects the trees along its banks.

A distant crow calls  
 A swallow swoops  
 A wren titters  
 And a fish breaks the surface  
 Leaving concentric circles  
 Of silver light.

MAN — not yet awake.

Lake Garfield. 5:30 A.M.

— Edith Wilson



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Selectmen:

While realizing that you feel you have arrived at the best solution to the waste disposal problem you have again placed the most onerous burden on those of us who do not make Monterey our primary residence.

I refer to your stipulation that the sticker be affixed to the vehicle. Most of us have numerous friends and relatives and other guests that we make our homes available to. Why should they be inconvenienced and have to go and pay an additional \$10 fee when the pass is on a vehicle parked at that moment out of state? We certainly pay our share of taxes to the town and if an increase is necessary to cover the additional cost of waste disposal then by all means raise the taxes. Stop fooling around with nuisance charges. (As it is right now, anyone can get a disposal pass by taking a name and address out of the phone book and saying they are the brother, sister, mother or whatever of a resident. If they say it is an additional pass the cost to them is just \$10.00!)

You seem overly concerned that people from other towns will come to dump their trash if we have removable passes as in the past. What resident in his or her right mind will lend a pass when the sure result will be higher taxes? (And speaking of taxes, at least they are deductible from our income taxes, as these nuisance charges are not.)

I think you badly misjudge the people of Monterey. I am inviting all who share my annoyance to drop you a postcard c/o the *Monterey News* and to voice their objections.

Very truly yours,

Joanne Tuttle  
Hupi Road

In addition to my wife's thoughts regarding the waste disposal system, I have the following comments:

1. I don't understand the logic of basing fees on the number of cars a household has instead of the volume of garbage they generate. We have two cars which we alternate driving to Monterey. My daughters, another two, various friends, relatives and an occasional rental guest adds up to about ten cars. This costs  $\$35.00 + 90.00 = \$125.00$  for about one bag of garbage a week. Another family who lives only in Monterey may generate three to four bags of garbage a week, but because they take it to the dump in one car it costs only \$35.00. It's not fair.

2. Deep down in my heart I love Monterey and really like all the people who live here. I don't mind the cost of the waste pass, whatever. I do resent the inconvenience of each car owner having to fill out an application, vehicle plate numbers, etc. It's a hassle. As a solution, why not have a one-vehicle pass which must be affixed to the car for \$35.00 and another "multi-vehicle" pass which could be placed (not permanently affixed) in any car going to the dump for say, a \$50.00 fee. Simple and fair. Or another solution, just fund the cost through property tax and give each household a pass which could be used by any car at that home. The cost would be fairly spread out among all families. Any action taken to ease the inconvenience would be appreciated by many.

— Bob Tuttle 10

To the Editor:

Bob Thieriot and I would like to thank all those who contributed to our bike ride on August 8 for the Jimmy Fund. Together we raised about \$1,300, much of it from Monterey.

We started off from Sturbridge at 7 a.m. on Route 20, taking all the backroads to avoid heavy traffic. We were probably a traffic problem because we numbered between 850 and 900 bikers. There were water stops every twenty miles and lunch served at noon. By 4:00, Bob and I were 80 miles into our ride and looking for every possible different position to comfort ourselves on our bikes. By 6:00 we made it to Bourne on the Cape Cod Canal. We were exhausted. Saturday night we stayed at the Maritime Academy. The day ended with a good dinner and socializing.

Sunday we were awakened at 4 a.m. After breakfast we were back on the road. After crossing the Bourne Bridge we rode on the Cape Cod Canal Bike Trail for ten miles. That was a pleasant ride early in the morning when the sun was coming up.

We arrived in Provincetown at about 2:30. We had lunch and relaxed until the ferry took us back to Boston, where we were returned to Sturbridge by bus.

Together, we raised \$600,000 to fight children's cancer. The money will go to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute in Boston. Bob and I will be riding next year and welcome any new riders.

— Roger Tryon

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To the Editor:

I read with distress the recent letter of Bonner J. McAllester attacking the Lake Garfield drawdown. Ms. McAllester appears to speak in generalizations of studies made in other places, at other times, and at other lakes, and she comes to the generalized conclusion that the drawdown of water in Lake Garfield will kill a substantial part of the wildlife but will not control eutrophication. Are any of the lakes which were studied complete drawdowns or were they only partial drawdowns, as was done in Lake Garfield? Moreover, has anyone at Lake Garfield seen any dead fresh water invertebrates, amphibians, spawning fish or nesting waterfowl in the depth of the winter when the lake is down, let alone one killed by the drawdown? I should appreciate it if anyone who has seen dead fish, fowl or animals killed by the drawdown will advise the Lake Garfield Association, so that rather than abstract theory, we can have facts as to the effect of the drawdown.

If you ask me, from my modest observation of Lake Garfield, there has been no observable change in the animal population around the lake. Gaggles of Canada geese are still to be found, fishermen are still pulling out fish from the lake on a regular basis, winter and summer, and beaver and muskrat still abound. Also the existing species of weeds appear to be under control, and if there are new kinds of weeds, I haven't seen them. The condition of the lake has markedly improved over the past two years. If the fears of Ms. McAllester could be justified, then the results of the Lake Garfield drawdown over these past many years would have significantly affected the animal and fish population and the amount of weeds. The truth is, it has not.

On the other hand, easy observation by those on the lake would clearly show that the weed problem is being practically controlled by the drawdown. If there is eutrophication, it is progressing at a very, very slow rate.

Since both Ms. McAllester and Dean Amidon, whom she quotes, know that the drawdown is not sufficient to completely control eutrophication, may I respectfully suggest that efforts be made to advise people what other things can be done to slow eutrophication. When is the last time that someone publicized in the *Monterey News* a guide for people on lakefront property, the dos and don'ts of lake living. This information should be publicized and alternate weed control activities should be investigated. In the meantime, the reality of the positive effects of the drawdown should be recognized. It has been successful for several years. "If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

Parenthetically, I helped circulate a petition asking that the drawdown be continued. All of the people whom I asked to sign the petition gladly and willingly did so. No one refused. Obviously, the vast majority of people on the lake know that the drawdown is beneficial. It should be continued until a better solution is found. There is no reason to suspend it.

Sincerely,

Paul E. Gelbard



Dear Resident of a Choice road in Monterey:

Thru my Chief of Info in Monterey, Mass.,

A. Wallace Tryon,

I now know that you reside on my favorite road, in my favorite town in the Berkshire Hills. So did I for seventeen summers . . .

In those days Camp Shalom was known as Fernway Camp, and its owner was Dr. Nathaniel H. Ives. For over 20 years I was his secretary and office nurse in Mount Vernon, New York. During the summer months we all migrated to Hupi Road, to manage the welfare of 85 girl campers from all over the U. S. A. My job was in the administrative end, so I had little time for anything else. I even had to go to bed at 9 p.m. when the campers did!

I love walking in the rain. Many a "knotty problem" was solved while hiking along this fine road. As you well know, at the Tyringham end there are many maples, whose leaves drop early in the season. Wonderful to kick around while trying to solve something . . .

In the opposite direction, on the right, were small hummocks where one might rest to share the view with the buzzing insects.

Near the top of the hill was an unoccupied house, with a large organ stored on the front porch. Now this was of course too fine an opportunity for walkers to pass by, and an unearthly sound emanated forthwith.

My copy of the *News* has just arrived here in California, and of course I stopped everything to settle down for a charming hour's reading. The paper has vastly improved under your editorship. Expansion in every department has made it more informative, too. The photographs and sketches are priceless!

Sincerely,

Ottalie Williams

P. S. I am 86 years old and live in a retirement home. Fortunately, I still have "all my marbles." Thank goodness. Still enjoy driving and just passed all tests satisfactorily for renewal.

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To the Editor:

Word has just been received from Dr. Alex Shane, director of the Office of International Programs at SUNY in Albany that ten Soviet undergraduate college students (eight men, two women) and their female faculty advisor will be arriving at SUNY on or about September 6 for three months of study there. (An equal number of American students from SUNY is studying in Moscow, as part of an international program sponsored jointly by the U.S. State Department and the Soviet government.)

Each year the Soviet students are brought to Monterey — either to a church supper at the end of the month or for a full day's tour of the town — in September or October. This year we expect to welcome them at the covered-dish community supper in the church basement on Wednesday evening, September 30, at 6:30 p.m. This will be the *eleventh* such group to come to Monterey. The Soviets all speak English quite well, and they will talk of their families, their studies, their hopes and aspirations, and things like "glasnost," and they will answer questions from the audience. All of them are interested in American history, drama, novels, poetry, etc. — so if you have used books on such subjects they will be welcome as gifts for the students. Please bring them with you to the supper.

For more information, please call Bernie Kleban, 528-4187, or Mary Ward, 528-9243.

— Bernard Kleban

## MONTEREY LOSES CERTAIN INSURANCE COVERAGES

Monterey has been notified by National Casualty Insurance that its \$2 million police liability/punitive damages coverage and its \$1 million public officials liability coverage was not renewed after August 24. Jed Lipsky, chairman of the Board of Selectmen, told John E. Larabee of *The Berkshire Courier* that the real reason for this action was the persistent charges of Mr. Glenn Heller, of Monterey, that the Town's police force has not met the state requirements for professional training. Lipsky pointed out that the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council and District Attorney Anthony Ruberto have both told the selectmen that our police force has had adequate training for part-time officers. Lipsky cited the excellent work of the Monterey police and charged that a double standard was being applied by the insurance carrier, since other towns in a similar situation have not had their insurance dropped. He is confident that the lost coverage will be replaced soon by other carriers.

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# LAKE GARFIELD ASSOCIATION OPPOSES PETITION FOR STRICTER REGULATIONS ON THE LAKE

At their end-of-summer meeting, August 29, the Lake Garfield Association discussed at length a petition being circulated by Mortimer Pearl, Owen Bernstein and Jean Germain which calls for Town regulations against jet skis, inboard motor boats, motor boats of more than 65 horsepower, more than one motor boat per family, multiple docks on a single property, and docks more than 40 feet long. In the interest of a quieter, safer lake, the petition calls for regulations on motor boat speed and operation near swimmers, beaches, and unpowered boats and for active safety patrols by the Town.

The Association voted to oppose the petition on the grounds that many of the safety regulations are already state law and that it creates a divisiveness between those who have different kinds of interest in the lake. Mr. Pearl said that the framers of the petition would certainly consider the points raised at the meeting, but that the fact remained that the safety and serenity of Lake Garfield have deteriorated markedly in the last few years and something should be done about it.

The meeting ended with the general agreement that the whole town is involved in the lake and that all points of view should be considered. The next regular meeting of the Association will be at 10:00 a.m. on the Saturday before July 4, 1988, at the Lake Garfield dam, weather permitting.

— David P. McAllester

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# ARTS COUNCIL NEWS

The Massachusetts Arts Lottery GRANT APPLICATIONS are now available for local artists who wish to apply. The applications can be picked up at the Monterey Town Offices and at the Hayloft Gallery on Route 23. Please return your completed applications to the Monterey Arts Council, Box 100, Monterey, MA 01245, no later than October 13. The Arts Council urges all artists, craftspeople, etc. to apply for these grants as they can be very helpful and many of our local artists have benefited from them.

Look for notices in and around town for an Arts Council-sponsored event during the Columbus Day weekend. We are planning to have a Native American Indian storyteller who is a real spellbinder. He will intrigue us with stories about Indian summer and fall. It will be a fantastic way to welcome in the autumn season. We are also hoping to have some live music and other surprises to round out the day.

The Monterey Arts Council meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 8:00 p.m. in the church basement. Please come and join us to discuss upcoming events and to participate in our continuing dialogue about the arts in Monterey.

— Nicky Hearon

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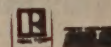
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## GREMLINS & ELVES ON BEARTOWN MT. ROAD; AND A BIT OF PAST HISTORY:

About 500 feet up the road past the entrance to Nancy Maglione's and the Sellew properties (and on the same north-east side of the road) is a large green and red painted rock that resembles a frog's head, with a sleepy white eye on either side. Bernie Kleban recalls that the frog's head was originally the creation of an artistic woman named Cummaro (who lived in what is now Andersens' house, formerly Stanley Zilka's). That was about 30 or 35 years ago, and she painted the frog's head because the entire hill, starting at about that point on Beartown Mountain Road and extending to approximately Fairview Road, had croaking frogs on it, especially at the fieldstone and cement-block swimming pools across from the Stevens home. (The Stevens home and the pools belonged to the Lankenau family at the time.)

Be that as it may, the frog-rock has suddenly blossomed with a fresh coat of paint—and Kleban, who lives a bit further up on Beartown Mountain Road, swears that the job was done by tiny gremlins and elves who come out and work only well past midnight, when they can't be seen. (They must be the same elves who repaired the shoes for the famous carpenter named Geppetto, who fashioned Pinocchio's nose, says Kleban.)

And if you don't believe it, have a look for yourself. Who but elves and gremlins would re-paint such a devilish and delightful thing?

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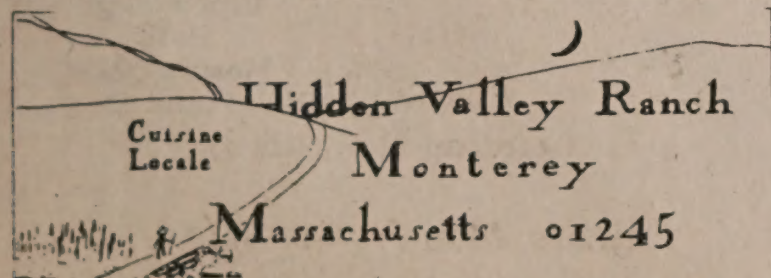
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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*Friday, September 4*—Boiler Room Reading. These are readings, Friday evenings in the Boiler Room Café, Southfield, Massachusetts. Admission is \$5 at the door, and seating is limited, so reservations are suggested. Latest dinnertime on Fridays is 8:00 p.m., with desserts and drinks available until closing time. Phone Peter Murkett or Michèle Miller for more information: (413) 229-3105. September 4 features writer Charles Foster exploring Obsession in a reading of his own work as well as that of Shakespeare, Nabokov, and others.

*Mondays, September 7, 14, etc.*—Bible Study Group at the Schulzes' on New Marlboro Road, 8:00 p.m. Free of charge: sign up at General Store or call Karen Gottlieb-Schulze at 528-4052.

*Saturday, September 12*—Third annual Harvest Moon Square and Contradance Party at the Sheffield Grange, Route 7, Sheffield, Mass. 8-12 p.m. Joe Baker and Mountain Laurel with guest caller Fred Breunig of Vermont. Everyone is welcome. Special entertainment and singing at halftime and homemade harvest refreshments included in price of admission (pumpkin ice cream, apple desserts, coffee, tea, cider). Adults, \$5; children, \$2.50. Information: (413) 528-9385 or (518) 329-7578.

*Friday, September 18*—Poet Geoff Young, publisher of The Figures, a small press of new writing, reads from his own work. For details, see Boiler Room Reading, September 4, above.

*Friday, September 18*—Monterey Historical Society. Mr. Victor Rolando, "Iron Making in the Berkshires' Early Days." 8:00 p.m. at the Historical Society Room in the Library.

*Friday, September 25*—Poet Clark Coolidge, published in many volumes by The Figures as well as Sun and Moon, another fine press of new writing, reads from his own work. For details see Boiler Room Reading, September 4, above.

*Saturday, September 26*—Square and Contradance, New England style, at the Sheffield Grange, Route 7, Sheffield, Mass. 8:30-11:30 p.m. This program is for people who already have some square or contradancing experience. Joe Baker calling, music by Mountain Laurel. Refreshments served. Admission: \$3.50. Information: (423) 528-9385 or (518) 329-7578.

*Wednesday, September 30*—Community Supper in the church basement at 6:30 p.m. This will be our annual visit from the Soviet students. Bring a casserole and enjoy some two-way *glasnost* with these delightful young people.

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### MONTEREY GRANGE NEWS

Monterey Grange #291 met August 19 with Great Barrington Grange #215, filling the chairs. Sister Ethel Warner and her committee were in charge of the Agricultural Program, which consisted of vegetable and floral arrangements. Skits and readings winners were Ann Vickerman, Mary E. Wilbur and Tolitha Butler. The judge was Deputy Peter Martin.

The chair was filled by Monterey at Umpachene Grange #269 on August 25, and at an open joint meeting September 2, Sister Dorothy E. Warden and her suite installed our officers.

— Mary Wallace  
Lecturer

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### WHO'S WHO IN BERKSHIRE COUNTY ARTS

The Music & Arts Department of the Berkshire Athenaeum is expanding its Artist Directory to include all visual and performing artists, including graphic designers, film and video artists, musicians, composers, dancers, and writers. The directory, to be now called "Who's Who in Berkshire County Arts," will be a constantly growing index of all artists working in the Berkshires. It will be made available to the public through computerized listings and resource materials in the library's files on Berkshire artists. Up to the present, the directory has included only visual artists and has well over 200 entrees. Current biographical information, as well as educational and professional information is requested. Non-returnable slides, photographs, and publicity materials are also encouraged. All information may be mailed to the Music and Arts Department, Berkshire Athenaeum, 1 Wendell Avenue, Pittsfield, MA 01201.



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